THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). Some representations have been received in this regard.

(d) There is no proposal at present to introduce a direct train between Howrah and Ramagundam.

Electrification of Railway Route in Tamil Nadu

2911. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state :

(a) the length of rail lines that have been electrified so far in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the length of rail lines that remained to be electrified and the target fixed for 1996-97 in the State; and

(c) the time by which the pending electrification works of rail lines are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). Out of the total of 4005 route kilometre of rail line in Tamil Nadu, 832 route kilometre have been electrified upto 31.3.96. Thre is no pending electrification works in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Air Port Building at Bhopal

2912. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) is it a fact that the airport building at Bhopal is being renovated and extended;

(b) if so, the total budget for the purpose, the amount spent so far and the likely expenditure during 1996-97;

(c) the items of work taken up in hand and the time by which the construction is likely to be completed;

(d) the length of run-way at the Bhopal airport;

(e) whether the present length is adeqaute to land an Air Bus; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The terminal Building at Bhopal airport is being expanded and midified at a cost of Rs. 448 lakhs, out of which Rs. 138.71 lakhs have already been spent. The amount earmarked for 1996-97 is Rs. 150 lakhs.

(c) The existing bulding is being expanded to provide a public concourse area of 975 sq. m. and air conditioned departure hold area of 290 sq.m. with all modern facilities to handle 125 arriving and 125 departing passengers. The work is likely to be completed by December, 1997.

(d) to (f). The length of the runway at Bhopal airport is 6700 ft and is suitable for the operation of Airbus AB-320 with load penalty.

[Translation]

Electrification of Railway Routes

2913. VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to electrify the Kota-Neemach and Kota-Beena sections in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) There is no proposal at present to electrify Kota-Nimach and Kota-Beena sections in Rajasthan.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Electrification projects are capital intensive and as such only those broad gauge routes over which the traffic density is high and the return on investment is not less than the minimum prescribed are considered for electrification. Kota-Nimach and Kota-Bina sections do not qualify for electrification at present.

Incentive Reward Scheme

2914. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is incentive reward scheme in Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme is being misused by the management and high officials;

(d) whether employees are being exploited by officers and management under the said scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Yes, Sir. In order to motivate employees for higher production/ productivity, better quality and improved techno economic factors, incentive and reward schemes have been framed and implemented in Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) *Incentive Scheme* :

The scheme is based on production performance of various installed units expressed in performance index (PI) and quality/techno-economic factors. All non-executives and executives upto E-5 grade are covered under the scheme. The incentive is paid on proportionate basis to an individual depending on actual attendance during a month. The maximum payment potential for the lowest and highest level of non-executives under the incentive scheme varies from about Rs. 430/- to Rs. 1280/- per month depending on the performance.